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SUBJECT: US-UPPER VOLTAN RELATIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KARGOUGOU AT DINNER DISCUSSION JULY 4
RAISED US-UPPER VOLTAN RELATIONS IN CONTEXT MISS LILLIAN
VISIT AND US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

2. FONMIN KNEW USG AWARE OF UPPER VOLTA'S OWN DEVELOPMENT
EFFORTS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME WORKING TOWARD DEMOCRACY
AND MEANINGFUL HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.
PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT
LAMIZANA ON HIS ELECTION DEMONSTRATED HIGH LEVEL US
SENSITIVITY TO THE SITUATION IN UPPER VOLTA.

3. KARGOUGOU FELT THERE WAS CENTRAL THEME IN CARTER
ADMINISTRATION AFRICAN POLICY OF DETERMINATION TO ASSIST
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NATIONS SUCH AS UPPER VOLTA. PRESENT AND PROJECTED
US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE MUCH APPRECIATED, BUT IF U.S. TRULY
SERIOUS IN PROMOTING REAL DEVELOPMENTS, OPPOSED TO SIMPLY
BEING IN THE RUNNING WITH OTHER DONORS TO PROVIDE STOPGAP
AID, A DIFFERENT APPROACH WAS NECESSARY. U.S. INVOLVEMENT
IN INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE ON A LARGE SCALE WOULD BE
ANSWER, AND WOULD HELP SPUR UPPER VOLTAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN A MANNER ULTIMATELY LEADING TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY.
KARGOUGOU URGED THAT USG GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THIS
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